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LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to increase the efficiency of the Railway Protection Force (RPF);

(b) the funds allocated and spent for modernisation and training of the force in the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to recruit more persons to the RPF to cover all the stations where RPF personnel are not posted on a permanent basis?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.47 BY SHRIMATI BHAVANA P. GAWALI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.02.2008 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE

(a): Various steps have been taken to increase the efficiency of the Railway Protection Force. A few important ones are as follow:-

i). 96 stations and 96 trains have been identified as model station/trains and crime incidents in these stations and trains are monitored by the Security Directorate at Board's level

ii) Four flying squads, headed by Deputy Inspector General ranks officers, have been constituted for surprise checking of various trains/stations and submitting report directly to the Director General/ Railway Protection Force.

iii) Intensive drive has been launched through pamphlets, skits and public announcements to sensitize Passengers about modus-operandi of criminals specially Druggists (Jahar Khurans) and terrorists.

iv) Videography of passengers sitting in General Compartments is being done by RPF at the originating Important Stations.

v) Modern security equipment like Close Circuit Television & Cameras, Bomb Detection & Disposal equipment, Bullet Proof Jackets and Bullet Proof Helmets, Walkie-Talkies, Hand Held Metal Detector, Door Frame Metal Detector etc .are being provided to the Force personnel.

vi) Dog Squad has been strengthened Railway Protection Force has 182 Sniffer and 54 tracker dogs.

vii) 1450 important passenger trains are being escorted by the Railway Protection Force.

viii) 'RPF Mitra Yojna' a Community Policing Concept, has been launched which aims to strengthen contact and information network between Railway Protection Force and passengers.

ix) Intelligence network has been geared up with increased emphasis on close liaison with the Central and State Intelligence Agencies.

x) 'Expression of Interest' has been invited on outright purchase basis or through Public Private Partnership (PPP) on BOOT (Build, Own, Operate and Transfer) basis to develop 'Integrated Security System' over hundred Railway Stations of Indian Railways.

(b) Specific funds are not allocated for modernization and training of the Railway Protection Force. However, amount for modernization and training of the Force is made available through appropriate Budgetary Heads like Machinery & Plant, Works Programme and Passenger Amenities.
Following amount has been spent on modernization and training of the force in the last 3 years :-
YEAR AMOUNT IN RS. 2004-2005 5.45 Crores 2005-2006 17.07 Crores 2006-2007 19.90 Crores TOTAL 42.42 Crores
(c) 5934 vacancies of Constables and 993 vacancies of Sub-Inspectors have been advertised. Recruitment of Constables is almost

complete and recruitment of Sub-Inspectors is in final stage. 973 new posts have been sanctioned for the Force which will be operative from 1st April, 2008. Further increase of manpower is under consideration of the Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Finance.